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REMARKS

Applicants amended claim 18 to include a base claim from which the claim depends to correct this mistake.

Applicants amended claims 19 and 31 to correct grammatical and sentence structure errors.

Applicants amended claim 25 to correct a mistake to change the word "nodes" to "responses", because that is what was intended. Note, independent claim 1, which includes similar limitations, is consistent with this amendment. Moreover, this mistake is apparent and obvious because from the previous limitation, the node receiving receives "responses", not "nodes".

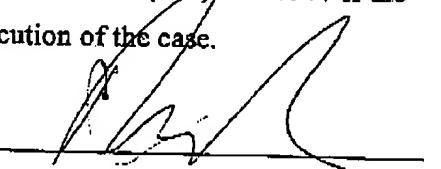
Applicants request the Examiner to enter these amendments as they do not alter the scope of the claims, but merely correct mistakes..

In the statement of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that no new claims or new matter has been added to the application. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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